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For: A VACCINE INDUCED HEPATITIS B VIRAL STRAIN AND USES THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated strain of Hepatitis B virus designated Human Hepatitis B Virus Surface Antigen-'S'-145 Singapore Strain (Glycine to Arginine) and deposited under Accession Nos. P97121504, P97121505 and P97121506 with the European Collection of Cell Culture on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1997.

14. (Amended) The vector of claim 12, wherein the vector comprises viral DNA.

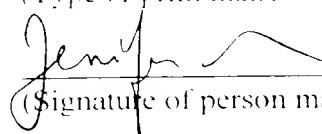
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